LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Policy 5126

REVISION Students

Awards for Achievement

The Board of Education encourages excellence as a goal for all students and wishes to publicly recognize students for exemplary achievements in academic, *artistic*, athletic, extracurricular, or and community service activities.

Student awards may include verbal recognition, a letter, a certificate, a Board resolution, public ceremony, trophy, gift, plaque, or cash monetary gift.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop criteria for the appropriate selection of student award recipients.

Golden State Seal Merit Diploma

At graduation from high school, special recognition shall be awarded to those students whose academic achievements in core curriculum areas have been outstanding.

The Superintendent or designee shall identify high school students who have demonstrated mastery of the high school curriculum qualifying them for the Golden State Seal Merit Diploma.

State Seal of Biliteracy Award

In order to recognize and encourage linguistic proficiency and cultural literacy, the District shall present the State Seal of Biliteracy to each graduating high school student who *has attained a high level of* demonstrates proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English.

In order to affirm the value of bilingualism and encourage students' enrollment in world language programs, the Superintendent or designee may present awards at appropriate grade levels to recognize the pursuit and/or attainment of grade-level proficiency in one or more languages in addition to English. The Superintendent or designee may also present awards to English learners who are reclassified as fluent English proficient to recognize proficiency in both English and the student's native language.

Legal Reference: EDUCATION CODE

220 Nondiscrimination

35160 Authority of governing boards 35310-35319 Scholarship and loan funds

44015 Awards to employees and students
51243-51245 Credit for private school foreign language instruction
51450-51455 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
876 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma
1632 Credit for private school foreign language instruction
MANAGEMENT RESOURCES:
WEB SITES

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

California Department of Education, Golden State Seal Merit Diploma: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/meritdiploma.asp Californians Together: http://www.californianstogether.org

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